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REPLY TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination in which it is indicated that the request was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114, Applicants are enclosing herewith a copy of the Request for Continued Examination including a Letter to the Examiner and a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 which both satisfy the submission requirement. Withdrawal of the Notice

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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of Improper Request for Continued Examination and the passing of this application to the Examiner for further prosecution is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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